

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE "U"

The Humboldt Taxpayer's League recommends a NO vote on Measure "U", the Utility Users Tax.

The City has the ability to retain all its present services - and more - without renewing this tax.

The Eureka Redevelopment Agency (ERA) owes the city millions of dollars that are collectable.

The City has land worth millions of dollars that could be sold to cover budget needs.

The 2002-03 Grand Jury recommended that the city search for alternatives for long range funding to replace this tax.

The 2002 and 2004 Finance Advisory Committees recommended that the Eureka Redevelopment Agency pay the millions it owes the city's General Fund.

They refuse to use the assets they have to properly fund the police and fire departments. Public Safety is the councils first and foremost obligation.

Then they try to tell us that we are not getting the public protection we deserve because they don't have enough money.

Public safety should be funded BEFORE anything else. Public safety positions have been budgeted but not filled and City's Redevelopment Agency (ERA) has even hired outside security.

City's annual expenditures now exceeds \$800 per citizen. This is excessive for levels of service received.

Don't be fooled by the juggling of funds at city hall.

This "temporary tax" has gone on long enough.

Voting no on this tax renewal will tell the City that we want them to use the millions they have available through the land sales and the millions it is owed before we will give them more of our hard earned money.

The Humboldt Taxpayer's League recommends that you VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE "U"

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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the (primary/rebuttal) argument (in favor of/against) ballot measure J
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Attachment A